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SURVEYOR AND SENIOR PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

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9 Westgate,
BRIDLINGTON.

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March 1974

To: The Chairman and Councillors
Rural District of Bridlington.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting the Annual Report for 1972.

The Registrar General's figure for the population at mid-year 1972 was 8,640. The figure has decreased by less than 500 over the past ten years, which indicates a fairly stable population affected by the drift from the land to be expected in a rural population as mechanisation increases.

Causes of death again show diseases of the heart and circulation and cancer predominating. Medical research shows that many of these deaths might have been prevented if cigarette smoking could be abolished. Education of the young would appear to be the best way to achieve this object but, as yet, there is no real proof that an effective method of education has been found.

The treatment of certain infectious diseases is more satisfactory. No case of diphtheria has been notified and very few of measles, as a result of immunisation programmes. There have been no new cases of tuberculosis, in this area, which is to the credit of the present policy of vaccination of the school population, as well as improved living conditions and adequate treatment of known cases of the disease.

Health Services continue to be provided, as in former years, although I am happy to report that more speech therapy sessions are available at the County Council's Oxford Street Clinic and, in addition, there is a regular Child Guidance Clinic. There is a waiting list for both these services but our position is comparatively fortunate as speech therapists and educational psychologists are not easily available.

During the current year hospital facilities at Scarborough, Bridlington and Driffield were unaltered but we can anticipate a gradual change, in the future, when Bridlington Rural District becomes part of the North Wolds District under the Humberside Area Health Authority. However, we do not expect any change in the quality of treatment because of these administrative changes.

Water was supplied by the East Yorkshire (Wolds Area) Water Board and was satisfactory in quantity and quality.

In presenting this report, may I express my thanks to the Staff of the Department for their work and help during the year and to the Chairman and Members of the Public Health Committee for their constant interest and support.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

JEAN F. WILSON

Medical Officer of Health

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STATISTICS

GENERAL

Area in acres	67,132
Population, 1972 Registrar General	8,640
Rateable Value 1972/73	£315,689
Sum represented by a penny rate	£2,987
Estimated number of inhabited houses	4,150

VITAL

Live Births	
Number	83
Crude Birth Rate	9.6
Adjusted Birth Rate: Comparability factor R.G. 1.29	12.4
Illegitimate live births (per cent of total live births)	8.0
Still Births	
Number	2
Rate per 1,000 total live and still births	24.0
Total live and still births	85
Infant Deaths (deaths under 1 year)	1
Infant Mortaility Rates	
Total infant deaths per 1,000 total live births	12.0
Legitimate infant deaths per 1,000 legitimate live births	13.0
Illegitimate infant deaths per 1,000 illegitimate live births	-
Neo-natal Mortality rate (deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 total live births	12.0
Early Neo-natal Mortality rate (deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births	12.0
Perinatal Mortality rate (still births and deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total live and still births)	35.0
Maternal Mortality (including abortion)	
Number of deaths	-
Rate per 1,000 total live and still births	-

DEATHS

Number	104
Crude Death Rate	12.0
Adjusted Death Rate: Comparability factor R.G. 0.79	9.5
Deaths from Pulmonary Tuberculosis	-
Rate per 1,000 population	-
Deaths from Other forms of Tuberculosis	-
Rate per 1,000 population	-
Deaths from Respiratory Disease	8
Rate per 1,000 population	0.9
Deaths from Heart Disease	35
Rate per 1,000 population	4.0
Deaths from Cancer	23
Rate per 1,000 population	2.6

PROVISIONAL STATISTICS - ENGLAND AND WALES

Births

Live Births	14.8 per 1,000 population
Still Births	12.0 per 1,000 total live and still births

Deaths

Death Rate	12.1 per 1,000 home population
Infant Mortality	17.0 per 1,000 live births

CAUSES OF DEATH IN BRIDLINGTON R.D. 1972 (R.G.)

	Males	Females
All Causes	48	56
Cancer, Oesophagus	1	-
Cancer, Stomach	3	3
Cancer, Intestine	1	1
Cancer, Lung, Bronchus	5	1
Cancer, Other Sites	4	4
Hypertensive Disease	2	1
Ischaemic Heart Disease	13	14
Other forms of Heart Disease	3	2
Cerebrovascular Disease	7	15
Other Diseases of Circulatory System	2	3
Pneumonia	1	6
Bronchitis and Emphysema	1	-
Peptic Ulcer	-	1
Intestinal Obstruction and Hernia	1	-
Other Diseases of Digestive System	1	-
Congenital Anomalies	1	1
Birth Injury, Difficult Labour etc.	-	1
Motor Vehicle Accidents	2	-
All Other Accidents	-	2
Suicide and Self-Inflicted Injuries	-	1

BIRTHS AND DEATHS

BIRTHS, DEATHS AND POPULATION DURING LAST 13 YEARS

Year	No. of Births	No. of Deaths	Population
1960	140	102	9,440
1961	97	114	9,230
1962	119	109	9,080
1963	123	109	9,190
1964	105	105	8,950
1965	128	111	8,900
1966	99	115	8,810
1967	125	124	8,840
1968	103	109	8,930
1969	109	116	8,870
1970	104	120	8,870
1971	95	96	8,560
1972	83	104	8,640

INFANTILE DEATHS

Cause of Death	Under 1 week	1 to 2 weeks	2 to 3 weeks	3 to 4 weeks	Total deaths under 4 weeks	1 to 3 months	3 to 6 months	6 to 9 months	9 to 12 months	Total deaths under one year
Birth Injury, Difficult Labour etc. . . .	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Infectious Diseases Notified during 1972

Notifiable Disease	Under 1 year	1 - 4 years	5 - 14 years	15 - 24 years	25 - 44 years	45 - 64 years	Over 65 years	Age unknown	Total Deaths
Infective Jaundice	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Measles	3	10	13	1	-	-	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-

INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED 1969 - 1972

	1969	1970	1971	1972
Dysentery	-	1	-	-
Infective Jaundice	4	1	-	1
Measles	1	71	4	27
Scarlet Fever	2	1	-	1
Whooping Cough	-	1	-	-

TUBERCULOSIS

The Register of Tuberculosis for the year is as follows:-

	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Total
	Males	Females	Males	Females	
Number of cases on the Register at 31st December 1971	40	25	12	19	96
Added to the Register:					
(a) Cases notified for the first time during the year	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Un-notified cases brought to notice otherwise than by formal notification	-	-	-	-	-
(c) Inward Transfers	-	-	-	-	-
Removed from the Register on account of death, change of address etc.	-	-	-	-	-
Number of cases on the Register at 31st December 1972	40	25	12	19	96

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA

HOSPITAL SERVICES

Hospital facilities are available at Scarborough, Bridlington and Driffield.

Miniature Mass Radiography

The Miniature Mass Radiography Unit of the Leeds Regional Hospital Board visited Bridlington on the second and fourth Tuesdays in each month from 10.45 a.m. to 11.15 a.m. throughout the year. 580 persons were examined during 1972.

It was decided to move the Unit from the Crown Buildings Car Park to Station Road, Bridlington - immediately under the overhead bridge. The Unit first attended in Station Road on Tuesday, 28th November 1972.

Nursing Homes

There are no private Nursing Homes in the District.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT 1948

Part III Accommodation

Accommodation is provided by the County Council at Burlington House, Bridlington, Danes Lea, Bridlington, Carr Head, Bridlington, "The Limes", Driffield, Silver Birches, Filey, and from the 16th August 1972 at The Woodlands, Driffield. The Woodlands is a new Home and can accommodate 44 residents.

Section 47

It was not necessary to take proceedings under this Section during 1972.

LOCAL HEALTH AUTHORITY SERVICES - NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE ACT 1946

The following services are provided in the District by the East Riding County Council as the Local Health Authority:-

Child Health Clinics

Child Health Clinics are held in the following villages :-

Flixton - every four weeks on a Wednesday
Flamborough - every two weeks on a Thursday
Hunmanby - every two weeks on a Wednesday
Burton Agnes - every four weeks on a Thursday

Domiciliary Midwifery Service

This service is run in conjunction with the Home Nursing Service. Three Nurse/Midwives serve the District. One resides at Burton Agnes, one at Weaverthorpe and the other at Bridlington.

Health Visiting

Four Health Visitors serve the District. Their office is at 4 St. John's Avenue, Bridlington.

Home Nursing Service

This service is run in conjunction with the Midwifery Service as indicated above.

Ambulance Service

The County Council's Ambulance Station is situated in St. John Street, Bridlington (telephone number 2421).

Domestic Help

Home Help Service which is rendered in the District is administered from the Social Services Department at 4 St. John's Avenue, Bridlington, telephone 77141.

Family Planning

East Riding County Council hold a clinic every Wednesday at the Oxford Street Clinic, Oxford Street, Bridlington. Attendance is by appointment.

Cervical Cytology

East Riding County Council hold a cervical cytology session at the Oxford Street Clinic, Bridlington, when required.

LOCAL EDUCATION AUTHORITY - SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICES

Routine medical inspections are carried out of all children attending Local Education Authority Schools in the District. In addition the following facilities are provided at the County Council's Oxford Street premises in Bridlington:-

Minor Ailment Clinic	Daily 9 a.m. to 9.30 a.m.
Dental Clinic	Daily by appointment
Speech Therapy	Six weekly sessions
Child Guidance	One weekly session

PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY SERVICE

Specimens for bacteriological examination are sent to the Public Health Laboratory of the Medical Research Council at Hull.

VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS

British Red Cross

The British Red Cross Society, acting as agents for the County Council, provide a service for the loan of nursing requisites which may be needed for temporary periods for sick persons being nursed in their own homes.
In the Rural Area the Depots for these requisites are:-

Miss Chappell, Peace Haven, Rosemoor Avenue, Hunmanby.
Miss Wilson, Little Denmark, Thwing.
Miss Watson, The Hall, Skipsea.

Women's Royal Voluntary Service

The W.R.V.S. provide numerous services in the District, which includes:-

Meals on Wheels
Good Neighbour Services
Darby and Joan Clubs
Clothing in cases of need or emergency

National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children

Bridlington lies within the North East Yorkshire Branch of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, and cases requiring the services of the Society were visited by Inspector Bean working from Scarborough. Inspector Bean's work is much appreciated by those of us in the area concerned with child welfare.

BRIDLINGTON RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Public Health Department,
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ANNUAL REPORT 1972

To: The Chairman and Members of
the Bridlington Rural District Council.

Councillor Mrs. Cross and Gentlemen,

The 1972 Report is presented for information, and as in 1971, the effective strength of the inspectorate was one officer; duties other than those of public health having to be catered for. The work of the Department was of necessity confined to basic essentials. Assistance was obtained in November for building control duties.

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

Maintenance of the various works has been carried out by the Council's workmen. In the main satisfactory effluents were produced. Failures are due to the overloading of works either as a temporary holiday seasonal occurrence or a chronic condition as in the case of the Bempton Works.

Skipsea Area Disposal Works

The Council have considered proposals for the enlargement of the works and the provision of additional filter capacity.

There are no engineering factors which would prevent the scheme from receiving Department Environment approval.

The scheme is essential to the growth of the Village and restrictions are inevitable if the proposed works are delayed.

Flamborough

The Council's proposals for re-sewering and the provision of treatment works are awaiting approval. It is a matter of regret that this scheme is making no progress particularly in view of the adverse publicity given widespread coverage during the summer.

Bempton

The Council have considered the needs of the Village and have agreed to enlargement of the works and sewer extensions. Difficulties exist in convincing the Department of Environment that the scheme should attract grant.

Rudston

There is no change in the position of Rudston, the existing housing unit is difficult to maintain and largely dependent on weather conditions for access to the site with mobile plant.

Reighton

The plant continues to produce satisfactory effluents.

Much attention has been given to the complaints of smell from the sewer. No evidence to support the allegation has been available. In two instances unsealed traps were found to be the cause.

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

A weekly collection is maintained throughout the year. The service has been the subject of review and the introduction of a bonus scheme has taken place.

Whilst accepting that some value to the staff is found in the scheme, the implementing of a bonus scheme in a small interchangeable staff over part only of that staff, does not appear to be conducive to good relations in the staff.

Whilst of benefit to some, the service has suffered and long serving staff have left the Council's service. Replacements have not been satisfactory and in my view the service quality has deteriorated.

Disposal

The Bempton Tip has a very limited life, the availability to the general public makes assessing the life of the Tip difficult. It is unlikely to be available in 1974.

FOOD AND MEAT INSPECTION

There are still two private licensed slaughterhouses in the area. Inspection of animals slaughtered is 100%.

The following table gives the number of animals slaughtered with comparative figures from 1965.

	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972
Bovine	245	243	254	226	312	282	276	289
Calves	-	-	-	3	-	-	2	-
Sheep & Lambs	695	665	781	780	809	775	849	960
Pigs	372	302	288	290	419	309	409	354
	1312	1210	1323	1299	1540	1366	1536	1603

Condemned Meat

Meat unfit for consumption is surrendered and disposed of by the Council.

Bovine:	Livers	225 lb.	- abcessed and parasitic condition
	Lungs	1 pr.	- abcessed
	Heads/Tongues	1 no.	- abcessed
Pigs:	Liver	34 lb.	- parasitic and abcessed
	Head	4 no.	- presumptive tuberculosis
	Heart	20 no.	- pericarditis
	Lungs	28 prs.	- pleurisy - pneumonia
	Carcase meat	98 lb.	- bruised and abcessed
Sheep:	Livers	12 no.	- parasitic conditions
	Lungs	5 prs.	- pleurisy
	Carcase meat	110 lb.	- oedema

In conclusion I have to express my thanks and appreciation to my departmental colleagues and other staff members for their support and assistance through a difficult period.

Yours faithfully,

H. FELL

Surveyor,
Senior Public Health Inspector.

March 1974